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SUBJECT: MAURICE D. COPITHORNE TO REPLACE EDWARD LEE
OF DIRECTOR GENERAL, BUREAU OF LEGAL AFFAIRS

REF: CROOK-NEF TELECON 7/22/75

1. EXTAFF OFFICIAL INFORMED EMBOFF CONFIDENTIALLY (SINCE ANNOUNCEMENT NOT YET OFFICIAL) THAT MAURICE DANBY COPITHORNE WILL SUCCEED EDWARD G. LEE AS DIRECTOR GENERAL OF THE BUREAU OF LEGAL AFFAIRS IN EXTERNAL AFFAIRS. LEE DEPARTS CANADA SEPTEMBER 7 FOR TEL AVIV WHERE HE HAS BEEN ASSIGNED AS AMBASSADOR, AND COPITHORNE WILL ASSUME CHARGE OF BUREAU IN MID-AUGUST. IT IS EXPECTED THAT COPITHORNE WILL ALSO TAKE OVER MOST OF LEE'S RESPONSIBILITIES IN LOS NEGOTIATIONS SINCE IN WORDS OF ONE EXTAFF OFFICIAL. " ONE AMBASSADOR (BEESLEY) PAYING NO ATTENTION TO HIS POST OF ASSIGNMENT IS ENOUGH."

2. COPITHORNE WAS BORN IN VANCOUVER JULY 3, 1931 AND EARNED HIS B.A. AND LL.B. AT THE UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA, 1954-55. AFTER BEING CALLED TO THE B.C. BAR IN 1956, HE JOINED EXTERNAL AFFAIRS AS A FOREIGN SERVICE OFFICER WHERE HE BEGAN HIS CAREER AS AN ADVISOR TO THE ICSC IN INDO-CHINA (1957). SUBSEQUENT POSTS WERE TEHRAN (1959), OTTAWA (1962), KUALA LUMPUR (1964), OTTAWA (1968) AND COUNSELOR OF EMBASSY IN PEKING (1972). HE HAS JUST CONCLUDED A SABBATICAL AT HARVARD AND IS CURRENTLY STUDYING FRENCH. COPITHORNE IS MARRIED TO A

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